

## *News from the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission*

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### **VOLUNTEERS TO PROMOTE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS DURING HUSKER FOOTBALL, VOLLEYBALL GAMES**

Lincoln, Nebraska – Families inside and out of Memorial Stadium, Husker Nation Pavilion and the Coliseum during the Huskers' football and volleyball contests this Saturday, September 22, will experience more than roaring crowds, clacking helmets and Sarah Pavan's spikes. The Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission, Lt. Governor Rick Sheehy and the University of Nebraska – Lincoln Athletic Department have teamed up to promote several National Preparedness Month initiatives:

On Thursday, September 20, Lt. Governor Sheehy will be featured on the Husker Sports Radio Network at 6:00 p.m. CT to share ideas about how families and individuals can get prepared.

Prior to the Husker football game against Ball State on Saturday, September 22, staff and volunteers from the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission will have a booth at the Husker Nation Pavilion where they will hand out coloring books and other kid-friendly items. Throughout the football game, fans should check out the jumbotron for Public Service Announcements urging families to create family preparedness plans.

Volunteers coordinated by the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission and Citizen Corps Councils will round out the day by distributing fliers promoting the "In Case of Emergency" ("I.C.E.") cell phone program following the conclusion of the football game, and just before the volleyball match against Texas A&M University.

During a timeout or brief lapse in the action, fans can get started with their preparedness efforts by creating an individual contact in case of emergency in their cell phones.

"It's the responsibility of every Nebraska citizen to be ready for disasters," says Lt. Governor Rick Sheehy. "The resources my office, the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission and UNL will share during Saturday's games are a great reminder for families and fans of all ages."

National Preparedness Month is an effort to help each citizen be prepared in case of a disaster or emergency. By developing a plan with your family, business, school or other organization, having the necessary supplies on hand and practicing your response to an emergency, each citizen can be prepared.

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Detailed information about creating individual, family and business preparedness plans can be found at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). Additional information can be found at [www.citizencorps.gov](http://www.citizencorps.gov) and [www.nvsc.ne.gov](http://www.nvsc.ne.gov). For more information about local efforts for National Preparedness Month, contact the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission at (402) 471-6225 or (800) 291-8911.

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*The Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission is responsible for support and oversight of (1) Nebraska's AmeriCorps\*State national service program; (2) the Citizen Corps State national disaster preparedness service program; (3) Disability Preparedness efforts for individuals and organizations throughout the state; (4) statewide volunteer recognition through the Governor's Points of Light Awards and First Lady's Awards for Outstanding Community Service; and (5) the annual Governor's Conference on Community Service for community, education, elected, volunteer and corporate leaders.*